

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Claims

Claims 4, 5, and 8-15 are pending. Claim 9 is amended. Claim 13 is cancelled. Claim 9 is amended to include the limitation of claim 13, which has been cancelled. Claim 13 was deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

Sections 102 & 103 Rejection

Applicant notes that the Office has indicated that Claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claim 9 to include the limitation of allowable claim 13. Claim 13 has been cancelled.

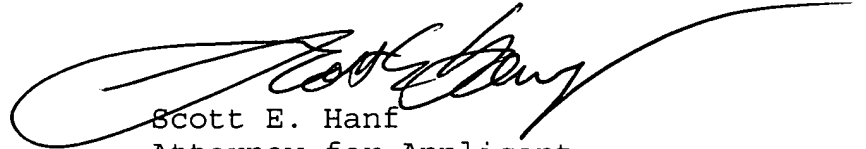
Claims 4, 5, 8, 10-12, 14-15 all depended on our through claim 9. As claim 9 now should be allowable, dependent claims 4, 5, 8, 10-12, and 14-15 should now all be equally allowable.

As the total number of claims does not exceed the number originally paid for no fee is believed to be due.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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